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INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Transfer Vessel Between Flash Tank and Purge Column for Recovering Polymer Solids,

the specification of which was filed **August 11, 2006** and amended by a Preliminary Amendment filed **August 11, 2006**, as a national phase application of International Application No. **PCT/EP2005/050526**, with an international filing date of **February 8, 2005**, and having been assigned application serial no. **10/589,203**.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims as revised by the preliminary amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe that said invention, design, or discovery was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof for more than one year prior to the priority date of this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the priority date of this application; that said invention, design, or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued prior to the priority date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns; and that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to patentability in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim the following priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 or § 365:

European Application No. 04100592.7; filed February 13, 2004.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these

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statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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